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SUBJECT: QUERY FROM INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR ON PROPOSED
JOINT COMMISSION

REF: STATE 170348

1. INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR RUSMIN CALLED ON ASSISTANT
SECRETARY HABIB JULY 21 TO DISCUSS, INTER ALIA, FOR-
MATION OF JOINT COMMISSION WHICH WAS AGREED AT JULY 5
CAMP DAVID MEETING.

2. RUSMIN SAID HE HAD READ TEXT OF AGREEMENT SETTING
UP U.S.-IRANIAN JOINT COMMISSION, AND HE WONDERED WHAT
WE HAD IN MIND FOR U.S.-INDONESIAN COMMISSION. HABIB
REPLIED THAT WE WANTED TO CREATE AN ORGANIZATION THATWOULD
BE MOST SUITABLE TO INDONESIA'S SITUATION AND TO U.S.-
INDONESIAN RELATIONS. WE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT COM-
MISSIONS WE HAD ESTABLISHED WITH IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA
WOULD FIT INDONESIA, NOR WERE ARRANGEMENTS WE HAD WITH
JAPAN AND KOREA THE IDEAL PATTERN. WHAT WE ENVISAGED
WAS SOMETHING UNIQUELY TAILORED TO INDONESIA, A "FEASIBLE

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BODY" THAT COULD ADVANCE OUR JOINT INTERESTS.

3. WHAT WE HAD IN MIND, HABIB CONTINUED, WAS AN OVERALL BODY WHICH WOULD HAVE A DUAL FUNCTION: IT WOULD PROVIDE A FORUM FOR REGULAR CONSULTATION AND EXCHANGES OF VIEWS ON ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO US, AND IT COULD ALSO TAKE ON CERTAIN SPECIFIC TASKS SUCH AS A SURVEY OF INDONESIA'S NEEDS IN DEFENSE EQUIPMENT. WE WANTED TO KNOW INDONESIA'S VIEWS ON THIS PROPOSAL, AND AMBASSADOR NEWSOM WOULD BE DISCUSSING IT WITH GOI IN JAKARTA. WE DID NOT WISH TO HURRY THE FORMATION OF THIS COMMISSION UNDULY BECAUSE WE WANTED TO BE SURE THAT WHATEVER WE DECIDED ON WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE TO OUR NEEDS. AMBASSADOR RUSMIN EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH THIS THOUGHT AND CONVERSATION TURNED TO OTHER TOPICS.

4. FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION, WE ARE DRAWING UP US RECOMMENDATIONS FOR JOINT COMMISSION GENERALLY ALONG LINES DESCRIBED BY HABIB. WE WILL BE SENDING YOU SUMMARY FOR DISCUSSION WITH THE GOI. MEANWHILE, PLEASE REPORT ANY THOUGHTS YOU PICK UP INFORMALLY FROM THE INDONESIANS AS TO HOW THEY VIEW PROPOSED COMMISSION. KISSINGER

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